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In re application of: Wayne L. Ryan et al.

Group Art Unit: 1641

Serial No.: 09/747,619

Examiner: Nguyen

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For: IMPROVED FLOW CYTOMETRY REAGENT AND SYSTEM

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Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231**For Discussion Purposes  
Not to be Placed in File****Proposed Claim**

In a composition for preserving leukocytes for cytometric analysis in which the composition includes (i) an agent for lysing erythrocytes from a sample of fresh human whole blood, and (ii) an agent for preserving leukocytes from the sample of fresh human whole blood selected from the group consisting of diazolidinyl urea (DU), imidazolidinyl urea (IDU), an oxazolidine and mixtures thereof, the improvement comprising:

an agent for minimizing the lysis of leukocytes including about 5 to about 100 mg/dl of a lipoprotein.